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Seen Workshop Part of Farmers' Market Conference

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Farmers' Marketing Association will host a Seed Workshop during their 3rd Annual Farmers' Market Conference on April 17, 2009 at the Ramkota in Casper.

The Seed Workshop will provide an opportunity for growers to learn more about proper plant breeding and seed saving. During the workshop, attendants will have the chance to visit seminars about seed genetics, seed certification, plant breeding, on-farm variety selection and progressive farm marketing.

“This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a seed genetics workshop for the producer,” said Gil Waibel, Director of the Wyoming Seed Lab. “A basic understanding of plant breeding along with a new focus on niche markets could bring a new direction to operations that could be very profitable.”

Along with the Seed Workshop, the second day of the event will showcase the Farmers Marketing Conference with seminars about marketing, farmers' market safety, and information on new grant opportunities for market managers and specialty crop producers. Day three and four will be a hands-on high tunnel workshop where participants will be able to learn everything they ever wanted to know on how to build and manage an affordable high tunnel.

Sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, the Wyoming Rural Development Council, the Wyoming Business Council and the University of Wyoming Agriculture Extension, the four-day long conference is available to provide education and information for specialty crop producers, farmers market managers and farmers market vendors.

Registration for the conference is \$25.00 each for the Seed Workshop, the Wyoming Farmers Marketing Conference, and the High Tunnel event or \$50.00 for all three events.

For more information, a full list of seminar topics, and registration forms, visit:

www.wyomingfarmersmarkets.org or **agriculture.state.wy.gov**. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Craig, at 307.777.6651, e-mail tcraig@state.wy.us or Kim Porter at 307-777-6319, email: kim.porter@wybusiness.org.